recommendations made in the Report of the GoM on 11th May, 2001 with the modification that a view on the recommendation relating to the institution of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) will be taken after consultation with various political parties. The implementation of the recommendations of the GoM has already commenced. In order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented in a time bound manner, the implementation process is being closely monitored by the Government.

Border fencing in Tripura by Border Roads Organisations

3376. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Roads Organisations has taken up border fencing in Tripura;

(b) what percentage of the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura has been fenced till date; and

(c) by when the fencing work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Border Fencing of 736 Km in Tripura was approved by Ministry of Home Affairs in June 2000.

(b) Fencing work is yet to commence.

(c) Works are proposed for commencement during 2001-2002. The probable date of completion is March 2007.

Sainik Schools in Bihar

3377. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sainik School in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open a Sainik School in Bihar in order to encourage military education; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) There are 18 Sainik Schools in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Proposal for setting up of four Sainik Schools in Bihar has been received by the Ministry. As per the provisions of Sainik Schools